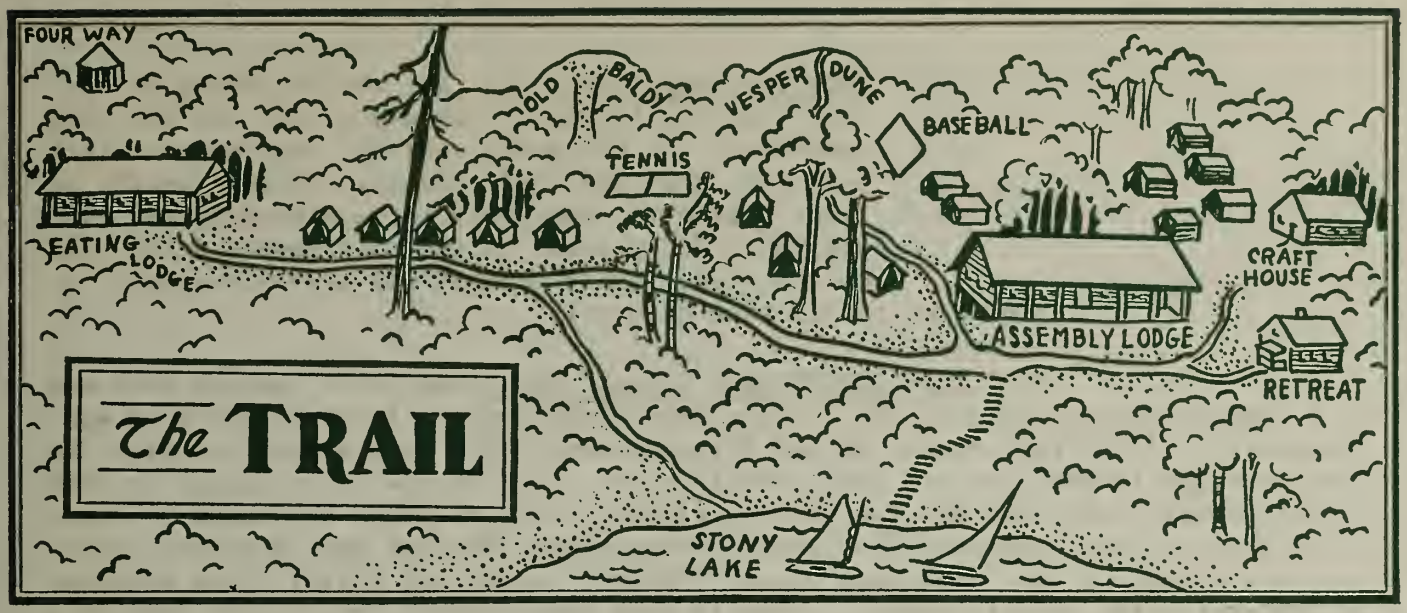

The TRAIL

Official Newsletter of the Miniwanca Younger Boys and Pre-Senior Camps

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THIS GUY IS GETTING ON THE BALL! -- and I'm sure that you are too as you're gathering together your camp gear and making your travel plans, in preparation for hitting the trail to Camp Miniwanca in just a few short weeks.

THIS ISSUE OF THE "TRAIL" is written and sent to you with the purpose of helping you "get on the ball" by preparing yourself in every way for that wonderful Miniwanca experience. You new campers are surely wondering just what the place is like, just what the program of activities is,and just how you're going to fit into it. You old campers, who are returning this year for another summer of tops in fun and worthwhile living, are wondering who'll be there, what new changes have been made,and how you can best make ready to be your very best self in all those great activities that have become a traditional part of Camp Miniwanca. So here's the "Trail" to bring these things to you campers, both old and new.

IT WILL BE A GREAT GANG OF CAMPERS this year, as always. Registration filled up over a year ago -- the earliest ever! A long waiting list of fellows has built up, and we've been taking names from that list to fill any cancellations which have occurred. On the last page of this issue of the "Trail" you will find the list of this year's campers. We're glad to welcome them to our Miniwanca gang.

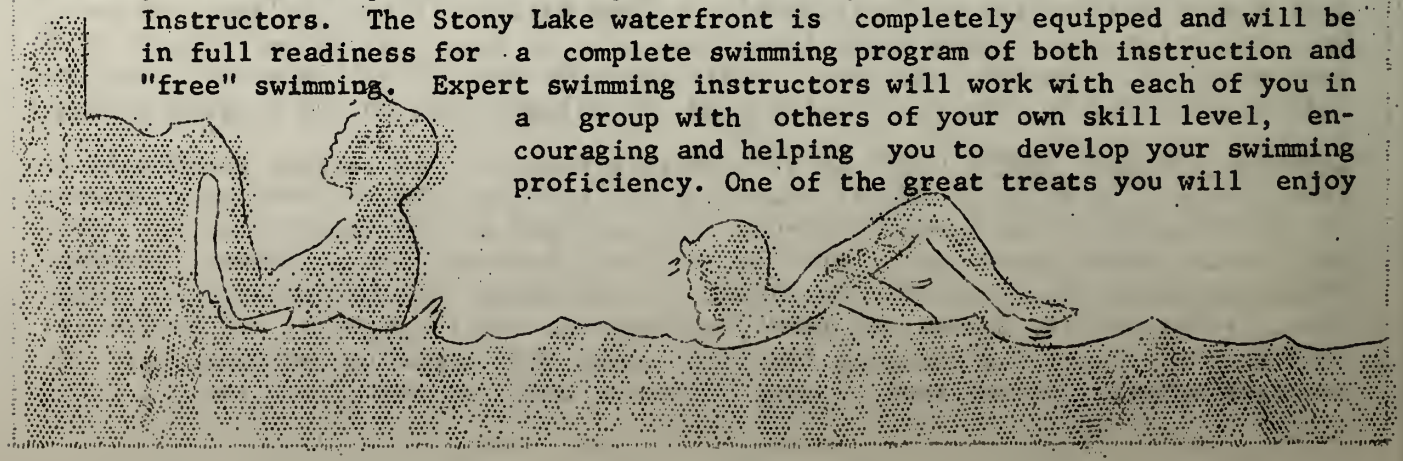
CAMPERS FROM MANY STATES will be with us this summer. Our leader staff will be from points of wide geographical distribution, too. A total of twenty-two states are represented in our camper line-up,along with one of the territories.They are: California, Connecticut, Cuba, Florida, Illinois,Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. It's a great experience spending five full weeks living,playing,working,learning, and sharing with fellows from so many different parts of our great land!

FROM THE VERY FIRST CALL at the beginning of each camp day you'll be on your way to new and exciting adventures in the woods and on the dunes of that wonderful Michigan camp country. There's really no finer place in the world to camp than by the blue waters of Stony Lake, on the cool wooded dunes, and on the wide, sandy beaches of Lake Michigan. At Miniwanca you'll find them all!

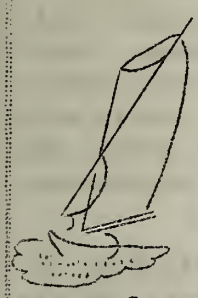
YOU'LL BE LIVING IN A VILLAGE GROUP made up of campers your own age. Three villages make up the Younger Boys Camp(Darers--11 and 12 years of age; Doers--13 and 14;Pre-Seniors--15 and 16),and many of the camp activities will be geared right to your own age group within your village unit. Each village is made up of several cabin groups. You will be living in one of these cabins as a member of a group of six campers and a leader. Here again, many of your activities will be with others of your immediate cabin "family", as you get really close together in understanding and friendship. This is your real chance, too, to get next to a really fine older fellow--your cabin leader. He will be there as one of a carefully selected group of outstanding campus Christian leaders and able participants in all phases of school and community life. He'll be by your side to share with you the things that he has learned, many of them learned from the very sort of experiences you are going through now.

MANY ALL-CAMP ACTIVITIES AND ACROSS-CAMP ACTIVITIES will be a part of your camp day. By "across-camp activities" I mean the kind where you are at work or play on some one thing which especially interests you,and there are others from across the camp--regardless of age, village group,etc.--who are interested in it too and are active at it with you. There is full opportunity for you to follow out a hobby or develop a new skill in some interest of yours. You'll find leaders and campers there and ready to help you in it. Some will be just beginning, some will be real experts, and some will be scattered along all the way in between. One of the great things about the Interest Group activities at Miniwanca is the spirit of sharing and helpfulness by which each one helps another. The impressive thing about these same Interest Groups is the number of fellows who go away each year with a whole raft of new skills and exciting new interests! Some samples of the kind of Interest Groups we have had in the past are: Archery, Boxing, Fencing, Tennis, Tumbling, Wrestling, Canoeing, Rowing, Sailing, Dramatics, Creative Writing, Sketching and Painting, Photography, Model Airplane Building, Hand Crafts (all kinds),Camp Orchestra, Camp Choir, Nature Study, Nature Collections, Hiking, Outdoorscraft, Scouting, Camp Newspaper, Radio, Riflery, and many others.

A FULL PROGRAM OF WATERFRONT ACTIVITIES will be going on this summer, as every summer, under the supervision of top-notch,fully-qualified Red Cross Water Safety Instructors. The Stony Lake waterfront is completely equipped and will be in full readiness for a complete swimming program of both instruction and "free" swimming. Expert swimming instructors will work with each of you in a group with others of your own skill level, encouraging and helping you to develop your swimming proficiency. One of the great treats you will enjoy

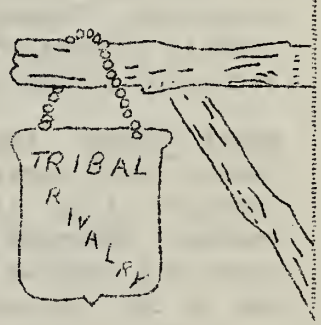


in camp is the fun on the beach and in the breakers of wonderful Lake Michigan. The beach is wide and gently sloping, the water cool and safe in depth, the swells and breakers thrilling and spine-tingling, and the times on Michigan beach are long remembered. Speaking of the beach bring to mind those super beach suppers for everyone!



And what is a waterfront program without watercraft? You'll find plenty of opportunity for boating, sailing and canoeing on Stony Lake. Qualified skippers are on hand to head up the sailing instruction and to help you land lubbers turn yourselves into sailors. Expert instruction in rowing and canoeing are a part of the available program. Careful supervision is exercised at all times, standards of swimming ability for sailors, rowers, and canoeists are maintained, and all reasonable safety precautions are observed--this in order that the use of the water may contribute to the greatest good and the greatest enjoyment of every one of you.

THE CAMP IS DIVIDED INTO TRIBES for many of the sports and games activities. You'll be a member of one of these -- and you'll have a great time with your tribe in tribal games. You'll be glad to find, too, that at Camp Miniwanca we're not at all interested in developing stars in sports activities, but that we pit every fellow in competition against HIMSELF. Every one participates in every tribal game. The games are scheduled and arranged on an age-group basis so that you will be playing with fellows your own speed and skill. In that way you'll be challenged not simply to beat some other fellow, but to beat YOURSELF, to improve your skill and your enjoyment of each activity. Every fellow is important to his tribe, and as his skill improves his tribe improves. You'll be in there playing right along with the rest!



SKILLS IN OUTDOOR LIVING can be a real part of what your Camp Miniwanca experience brings you, too. The wooded dunes are wonderful for camping out. There is an abundance of birds and other wildlife, and the unique growth pattern of the plant life on beach and dune gives an area of exceedingly interesting study of nature lore. Some of the staff of leaders have had a wealth of experience in the lore and skills of hiking, outdoor cooking, overnight camping, and general outdoorscraft. They will be prepared to help you gain some experience and attain some skill in all of these areas. If you've never had opportunity to put your hand to chopping firewood, or preparing a meal over an open fire, or any of these other crafts which are related to life in the open, then you'll enjoy the chance to try it! You old timers will be sure to be there for more, I'm certain. By the way, a number of fellows each year take advantage of the opportunity which camp affords to pass Boy Scout advancement tests. A fully-registered Scout Leader is a member of the camp staff, and will have authorization from National Boy Scout Headquarters to check on advancement work. If you are working on some Scout tests, don't take time out while at camp -- count on taking advantage of the wonderful facilities which Miniwanca has, and keep right on with your Scout tests. I'm sure you could advance a full rank while at camp. Bring your handbook and any helpful small pieces of Scout equipment.

THE COUNCIL CIRCLE in Miniwanca Younger Boys Camp provides the place for some of the true highlights of your camp experience this summer. Nested deep in the woods at the base of the dune in a quiet draw, the Council Circle is a really "campy" setting for campfire programs, tribal stunts, camp singing, storytelling, and many of the other wonderful fellowship events found at Camp. Here fellows try their hand at dramatics, band and orchestra (bring your instrument!) and demonstrations and stunts of all kinds. Just a word to you new campers (old campers will know it and be planning stunts, be sure and bring them along. Also any equipment, costumes, or props which will help to put your stunts over should be planned for (bring with you only if you cannot make it at camp.) It is only a very few weeks now until the Chief takes his place in the Chief's seat, the tribes file into the Council Circle, and another series of wonderful experiences at Miniwanca is under way.

HIGHLIGHT OF EACH DAY is the vesper period spent on Vesper Dune, overlooking the wooded valleys and opening out on the sunset over Lake Michigan. There we are brought closer to God and to a fuller understanding of ourselves and each other under the thoughtful leadership of campers and members of the Leader Staff. This, added to a vigorous and worthwhile discussion each day under the able leadership of various leaders in those challenging Christian Living classes, evening cabin devotions, Sunday services of worship on beautiful Chapel Dune, and the worthy example of Christian Leaders in daily camp life, all combine to make the spiritual values of living take on reality for us all.

DON'T FORGET those items which will help make your camp time more fun-- your camera, your current craft project and materials, your fishing equipment, etc. An interest group in photography will help make your shutterbugging more enjoyable. Another interest group in fishing will give you a chance to pull out some of those big ones we know are in Stony Lake and Stony Creek. Crafts, of course, are one of the big activities for everyone in camp. Charlie Pauck will be on hand to guide you again this year.

BOOKS FOR THE Y.B. CAMP LIBRARY are always welcome. Each year a few fellows and their families have been packing up those books which are still good boys' books but which they no longer need, and have shipped them off to Miniwanca. Don Pierce gets them unpacked and on the shelves in the Blazer Building library corner ready for a good summer's use. This is a great way to share your extra books with a fine bunch of other boys.

THE Y.B. STAFF THIS YEAR WILL INCLUDE: Oliver "Blackie" Martins, Darer Unit Leader of last year and leader in the Older Boys Camp for several seasons; Allen Tinker, Doer Unit Leader of 1959 and back at Y.B. for his third season; Rich Bell, Pre-Senior Unit Leader returning for his third year of leadership; Charlie Pauck, Crafts instructor for many years; George Menges, resource leader in his fourth summer, Bill Jellema, heading the counseling program for his third year. Bob Neubauer, Gary Bloomfield, Ed Burrow, Ron Lightle, John MacHatton, Kyle McGee, Bo Thomas, Jet Thomas and Tom Welch will all be among the returning leaders, and they will be joined by a fine corps of carefully selected new leaders. Aileen Givens and Margaret Jo Westby will be back in the office, and there will be a nurse on duty and a doctor in residence at all times. Of special note is the return of long-time leader Ray Budde to assist in the program direction of the camps. I will personally have the responsibility of directing Y.B. this summer. On the following page is the list of our 1960 leadership staff. These fellows are eagerly awaiting the day when we'll all be at Miniwanca for the 1960 season.

WELL,THAT'S IT for now. Here's to a great summer of growing in Fourfold living.

Founderly yours,

Robert Steiger, Director

HERE'S A LIST OF YOUR LEADERS!

Dean Alderman, Davis, California
Steve B. Allman, Canton, Ohio
Dave Bailey, Wheaton, Ill.
Stephen L. Barstow, Midland, Mich.
Richard H. Bell, Clayton, Mo.
Richard W. Blakely, Beloit, Wisc.
Gary J. Bloomfield, Lakewood, Ohio
Ray Budde, E. Lansing, Mich.
Arthur H. Bulger, University City, Mo.
Edward B. Burrow, Jr., Jackson, Tenn.
David A. Bush, Titusville, Pa.
Paul H. DeLaney, Jr., Salt Lake City, Utah
Michael N. Eanes, Cincinnati, Ohio
Edward Garrigan, St. Louis, Mo.
William J. Greene, Arlington, Tenn.
Robert Hauser, Ashtabula, Ohio
William H. Jellema, Chicago, Ill.
Richard H. Jones, Ann Arbor, Mich.
** John E. Knudsen, Webster Groves, Mo.
Ronald G. Lightle, St. James, Mo.
John M. MacHatton, St. Louis, Mo.
Oliver B. Martins, Alamosa, Colo.
Kyle M. McGee, Dayton, Ohio
Charles W. Meier, Wooster, Ohio
George Menges, Maple Heights, Ohio
Quinn Meyers, Maplewood, Mo.
Elliott W. Miller, Webster Groves, Mo.
John C. Murphy, Riverside, Ill.
Robert L. Neubauer, Philadelphia, Pa.
Denis O'Brien, Webster Groves 19, Mo.
Charlie Pauck, Berea, Ky.
Alfred Schroeder, Franklin Park, Ill.
Donald Sedenka, Washington, Pa.
Jay Sexton, St. Johns, Mich.
Richard G. Smith, Norfolk, Va.
Bob Steiger, St. Louis, Mo.
Bethel Thomas, Smithville, Tenn.
James E. Thomas, Alexandria, Va.
Allen A. Tinker, Jackson, Tenn.
Edwin A. Waite, Jr., Kirkwood, Mo.
H. Thomas Welch, Memphis, Tenn.
** Robert O. Kenworthy, Lakewood, Ohio

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FOUR CAMPER-LEADERS THIS YEAR!

Jim Howenstine, Canton, Ohio
Richard Melcher, Birmingham, Mich.
Larry Scott, Webster Groves, Mo.
Jeff White, Canton, Ohio

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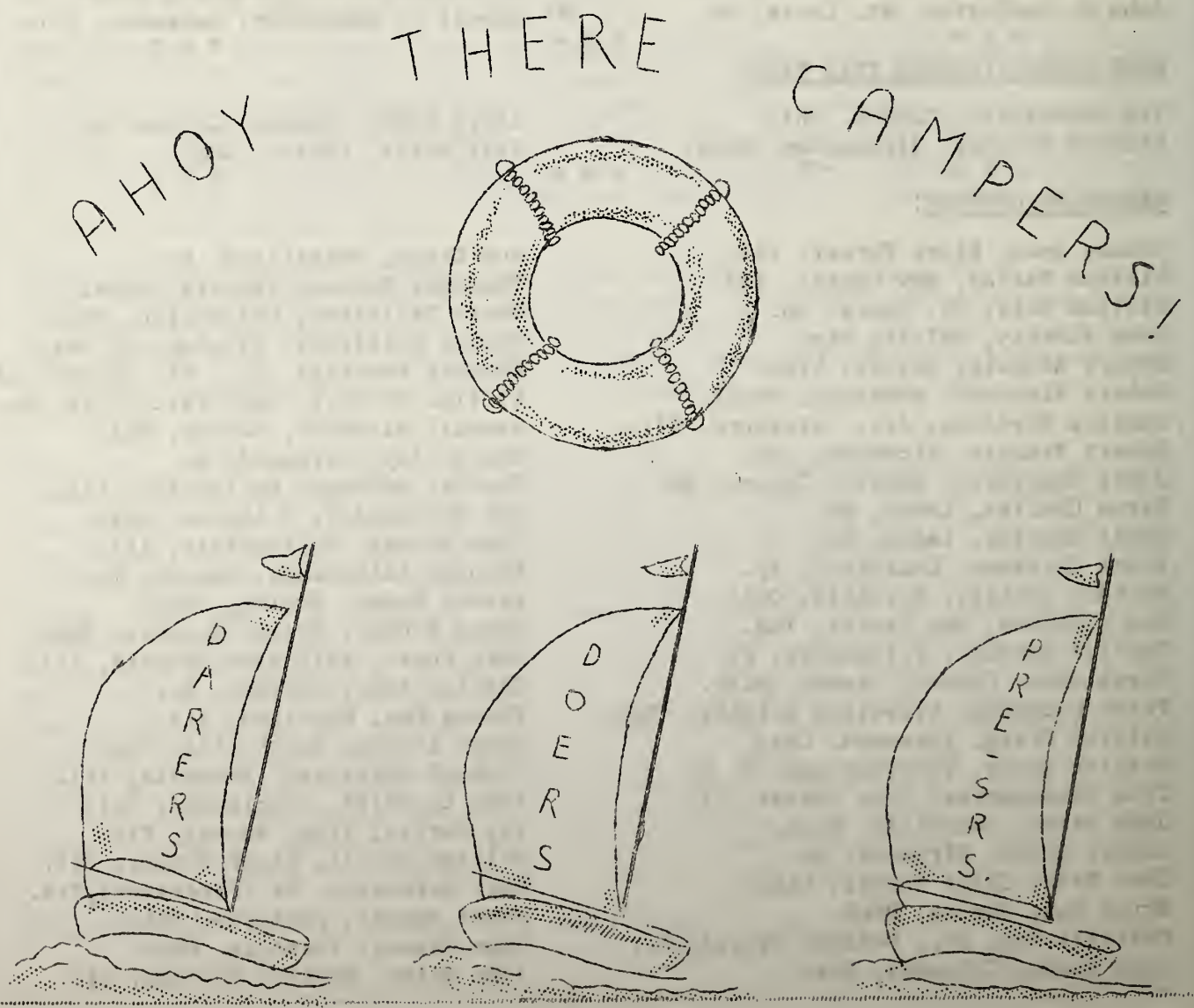
RETURNING CAMPERS!

Thomas Ames, River Forest, Ill.
William Bailey, New Castle, Ind.
William Bell, St. Louis, Mo.
John Blakely, Beloit, Wisc.
Robert Blakely, Beloit, Wisc.
Robert Blanford, Montrose, Mich.
Charles Boydstun, Jr., Galesburg, Ill.
Robert Bringle, Richmond, Ind.
James Bushyhead, Webster Groves, Mo.
Byron Charles, Ladue, Mo.
Cecil Charles, Ladue, Mo.
Bruce Chrisman, Lexington, Ky.
Richard Christy, Marietta, Ohio
Tom Clements, New Castle, Ind.
Charles Cobaugh, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Christopher Coburn, Okemos, Mich.
Peter Coppedge, Cleveland Heights, Ohio
William Craig, Lakewood, Ohio
Charles Derby, Peterborough, N. H.
John Dettenmayer, Lake Forest, Ill.
John Diehl, Dansville, Mich.
Robert Disse, Kirkwood, Mo.
John Eidt, Clair Shoves, Mich.
Bruce Fox, Shelby, Mich.
Cottrell Fox, Jr., Webster Groves, Mo.
John Glenn, Columbus, Ohio
Bob Grady, Versailles, Ky.
Theodore Graham, Wichita, Kans.
David Griffiths, Wilmington, Ohio
Thomas Griffiths, Wilmington, Ohio
Herbert Hendriks, Jr., Mt. Vernon, Ia.
William Herbert, University City, Mo.
Randall Hilscher, Canton, Ohio
Tom Holley, Kirkwood, Mo.
Charles Hollman, Belleville, Ill.
Jot Holzaepfel, Columbus, Ohio
John Horney, Springfield, Ill.
Kenneth Kallenbach, Mexico, Mo.
Arthur Kehoe, Shelby, Ohio
James Kenney, Shaker Heights, Ohio
Marc Knorr, Arlington Heights, Ill.
Charles Kuhn, Clayton, Mo.
Thomas Lee, Highland, Ill.
David Lehman, Smithville, Ohio
Richard Letsinger, Hinsdale, Ill.
John Lundblad, Cincinnati, Ohio
Jay Martin, River Forest, Ill.
William McCall, River Forest, Ill.
Hugh McPherson, St. Petersburg, Fla.
James Mennel, Fostoria, Ohio
John Mennel, Fostoria, Ohio
John Milne, Western Springs, Ill.

Douglas O'Brien, Webster Groves, Mo.
Stephen Oesch, Youngstown, Ohio
David Osborn, Wilmette, Ill.
Gregory Paul, New Castle, Ind.
William Peebles, Kirkwood, Mo.
Carl Polster, University City, Mo.
Arthur Pratt, Kirkwood, Mo.
Gary Quackenbush, Birmingham, Mich.
Glenn Quackenbush, Birmingham, Mich.
Thomas Ray, Kirkwood, Mo.
David Rennecker, Canton, Ohio
Howard Rennecker, Canton, Ohio
Michael Righter, Bloomfield Hills, Mich.
Jim Roberts, University City, Mo.
James Rosborough, Moline, Ill.
David Rowe, Elmhurst, Ill.
John Rowe, Elmhurst, Ill.
Thomas Saunders, Columbus, Ohio
Melvyn Scherzer, St. Louis, Mo.
John Schiffman, Jr., Crestwood, Mo.
Robert Scott, Fort Wayne, Ind.
Charles Sears, Webster Groves, Mo.
Richard Seidel, University City, Mo.
Bob Shank, Kirkwood, Mo.
Charles Smith, Berwyn, Ill.
Geoffrey Smith, St. Louis, Mo.
Donald Stone, Jr., Pittsburgh, Pa.
Thomas Stoner, Columbus, Ind.
William Swisher, Evanston, Ill.
John Tye, Fond du Lac, Wisc.
Richard Tye, Fond du Lac, Wisc.
Delmar Valine, East Carondelet, Ill.
Jeffrey Vaughan, Webster Groves,Mo.
John Volle, Springfield, Ill.
John Louis Wells,Shaker Heights,Ohio
Michael Welton, Bloomington, Ill.
Steuart White, Darien, Conn.
William Willert, Webster Groves,Mo.
David Wilson, Dayton, Ohio
Alan Zetterberg, Claremont, Calif.



WELCOME

NEW CAMPERS

(Registered as of May 12)

Paul Abt, East St. Louis, Ill.
Robert Aldag, III, LaGrange, Ill.
Bruce Bailey, New Castle, Ind.
Peter Beestrum, Fairfield, Ia.
Craig Blakely, Katonah, N. Y.
William Blumenhorst, Webster Groves, Mo.
Timothy Boeschenstein, St. Louis, Mo.
James Bowlus, Perrysburg, Ohio
Ben Bryant, Seattle, Wash.
Eddie Buford, St. Louis, Mo.
Harry Burritt, Fontana, Wis.
Alan Campbell, Granville, Ohio
James Christy, Marietta, Ohio
Christopher Clark, Morton, Ill.
Larry Coffey, Kirkwood, Mo.
Robert Coffey, Kirkwood, Mo.
Nathan Cox, Clarkton, N. C.
Richard Ehlers, Canton, Ohio
Tom Godwin, Exira, Ia.
Andrew Gallen, Collinsville, Ill.
David Gavel, Brazil, Ind.
Stephen Gerber, Naperville, Ill.
William Graham, Jr., Wichita, Kans.
David Graves, Robinson, Ill.
Phillip Greene, Kirkwood, Mo.
Gary Greenleaf, Worthington, Ohio
John Hail, St. Louis, Mo.
John Hartung, Williamsville, N. Y.
John Hewitt, Jr., University City, Mo.
Christopher Jones, Canton, Ohio
Harry Kelly, Normandy, Mo.
Paul Ladenson, Columbia, Mo.
Daniel Laffey, Glen Ellyn, Ill.
Alvin Lake, III, Rochester, N. Y.
Bert Larson, St. Paul, Minn.
James Lawton, Dayton, Ohio
Eric Leavenworth, Cleveland, Ohio
Robert I. Lutz, Western Springs, Ill.
Robert J. Lutz, St. Louis, Mo.
Harry Marble, Charleston, W. Va.
Douglas Mayfield, University City, Mo.
William Miller, Euclid, Ohio
J. L. Milligan, II, Kansas City, Mo.
William Milligan, Jr., Kansas City, Mo.
Douglas Mitchell, Havana, Cuba
William Moss, Granville, Ohio
Robert Murray, Royal Oak, Mich.
Stuart McDowell, St. Louis, Mo.
Larry McOmber, Spring Lake, Mich.
Gordon Netzorg, Alma, Mich.
Joseph Newton, Ann Arbor, Mich.
William Nixon, Jackson, Tenn.
Robert Osborn, Wilmette, Ill.
Jack Peebles, Kirkwood, Mo.
Michael Pitcher, Dayton, Ohio
Robert Porter, III, Canton, Ohio
Robert Pottle, Jr., River Forest, Ill.
John Reed, III, Webster Groves, Mo.
Frederic Robinson, III, St. Louis, Mo.
Peter Robinson, St. Louis, Mo.
George Roeder, Webster Groves, Mo.
Charles Russell,II,Middlefield, Ohio
** Harold Seago, Collinsville, Ill.
** Robert Starick, Dayton, Ohio
Paul Steube, Webster Groves, Mo.
Gary Stevens, Bellevue, Nebr.
James Stevens, Saginaw, Mich.
Kenneth Stevens, Bellevue, Nebr.
James Stroh, Fort Wayne, Ind.
John Sudholt, Creve Coeur, Mo.
John Swatek, Mexico, Mo.
Richard Teichen, River Forest, Ill.
Richard Thomson, Saginaw, Mich.
Thompson Twichell, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Jonathan Walther, Charleston, W. Va.
William Warrick, Richmond, Ind.
Donald Weaver, Jennings, Mo.
Richard Wendorf, Galveston, Tex.
William Wendorf, Galveston, Tex.
Walter Whittle, Cleveland, Ohio
William Whittle, Cleveland, Ohio
Carl Wischmeyer, Houston, Tex.
William Woolley, Oak Park, Ill.
Bernard Wraith, Mexico, Mo.
Stephen P. Young, Upland, Ind.
Steven R. Young, Springfield, Ohio
** Robert Shilling, Troy, Ohio

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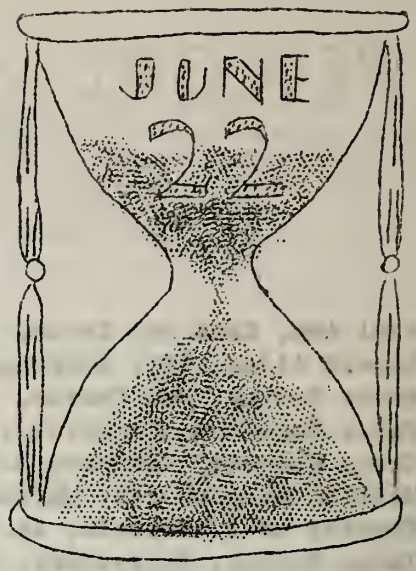

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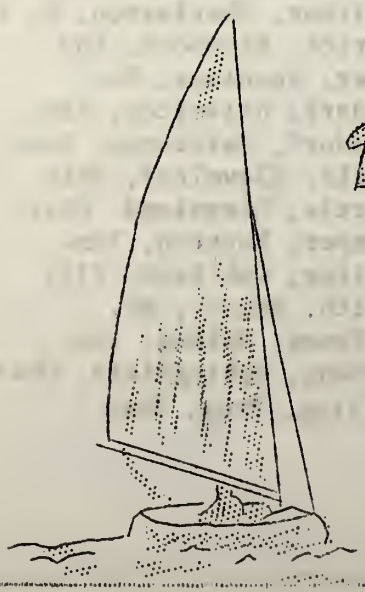

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